

## WELCOME TO GOD'S BEAUTIFUL ALTERNATIVE

If you've had enough of the heartache, hardship, and hate of a world at war with God and you're ready to absolutely THRIVE in the life-giving, eternity-changing calling your Designer has designed you to fulfill, you're right where God wants you to be! We are a community of imperfect people sincerely pursuing God's absolute best for ourselves and everyone around us. That means if there is anything we can do to help you take your next step in following Christ and finding His calling on your one and only life, we are right next to you at whatever cost. If you've got questions, or want to speak to a pastor, or would like to ask for prayer, grab that pen you got with this handout and fill out one of those CONNECT CARDS that was along for the ride. Other than that, we sincerely hope you have an incredible morning marked by a life-changing encounter with the risen and reigning King Jesus Christ.

## EVERYONE WANTS TO BUILD SOMETHING GREAT

The problem is finding the right opportunity. Fortunately, we've got a gaggle of life-changing, eternity-shaping options for you. When you serve with One Missoula Church, you help other people rise to become all that God made them to be. Here are a couple key areas we can multiply your time, energy, and willingness to help others:

- **KidsMin (birth-5<sup>th</sup> grade)** – bring love, joy, and biblical wisdom to young lives
- **Host & Greeter Team** – MASSIVELY important opportunity to help people know they are not only welcome, but WANTED here
- **Event Team** – help us put together anything from special events to simple hangouts so that we can make connections, deepen friendships, and make memories
- **Production Team** – leverage lighting, screen, computer, and sound systems to make the eternity-shaping message of Christ accessible to all
- **Worship Band** – sing or play guitar, bass, drums, and keys with others while building the church and pointing one another to Christ



## BIBLICAL MUSINGS ON DANGEROUS OPPORTUNITIES

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We are presently experiencing the results of widespread sinfulness throughout our nation and civil government, paired with the simultaneous truncating of the true Gospel and dismemberment of biblical discipleship in commercial churchianity

*Deuteronomy 28:20, 28* - "Yahweh will send upon you the curse, the panic, and the threat in everything that you undertake, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly because of the evil of your deeds in that you have forsaken me..."<sup>28</sup> Yahweh shall afflict you with madness and with blindness and with confusion of heart

*Proverbs 28:1* - The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion.

*Romans 1:21-22* - For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.<sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools

**Anyone with an open Bible and some Wikipedia articles on world history could have predicted that our nation would eventually get to this point of chaos and division (and that it doesn't stop here)**

*Ecclesiastes 1:9* - What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun

**Many politically conservative Christians ("God and Country Christians") have an extremely difficult time accepting that God's clear biblical hostility toward wicked practices, beliefs, and values could actually apply to our nation (although, present circumstances are warming them up to the possibility)**

*1 Kings 22:13-23* - Then the messenger who had gone to summon Micaiah said to him, "Please now, the words of the prophets are unanimously favorable to the king. Please let your words be as one word with them, and speak favorably."<sup>14</sup> Then Micaiah said, "As Yahweh lives, surely only as Yahweh speaks to me, that will I speak."<sup>15</sup> When he came to the king, the king asked him, "Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-Gilead to the battle, or shall we refrain?" He said to him, "Go up and triumph, and Yahweh will give it into the hand of the king."<sup>16</sup> Then the king said to him, "How many times must I make you swear that you shall not tell me anything but truth in the name of Yahweh?"<sup>17</sup> So he said, "I saw all of Israel scattering to the mountains, like the sheep without a shepherd. Yahweh also said, 'There are no masters for these, let them return in peace, each to his house.'"<sup>18</sup> Then the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Did I not say to you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but disaster?"<sup>19</sup> And he said, "Therefore, hear the word of Yahweh. I saw Yahweh sitting on his throne with all the hosts of heaven standing beside him from his right hand and from his left hand."<sup>20</sup> And Yahweh said, "Who will entice Ahab so that he will go up and fall at Ramoth-Gilead?" Then this one was saying one thing and the other one was saying another.<sup>21</sup> Then a spirit came out and stood before Yahweh and said, 'I will entice him,' and Yahweh said to him, 'How?'<sup>22</sup> He said, 'I will go out and I will be a false spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And he said, 'You shall entice and succeed, go out and do so.'<sup>23</sup> So then, see that Yahweh has placed a false spirit in the mouth of all of these your prophets, and Yahweh has spoken disaster concerning you."

**In response, many Christians are praying for God to bring things back to "the way it used to be". Before joining that practice, you're going to want to pause and prayerfully ask the Bible "is that really God's plan for this nation?"**

*James 4:3-4* - You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.<sup>4</sup> You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

**But isn't America a Christian nation? Isn't God for the United States of America just because it's the United States of America?**

*Isaiah 33:22* - For Yahweh is our judge; Yahweh is our lawgiver; Yahweh is our king; he is the one who will save us.

*James 4:12* - There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy...

- Mayflower Compact (November 21, 1620)
- Fundamental Orders of Connecticut (January 14, 1639 "world's first written constitution")
- New Hampshire (1679)

**It is unacceptable for any genuine disciple of King Jesus the Christ to pray that God would restore our nation to a peaceful time of gentle and easy rebellion against Him**

*Proverbs 28:9 - If one turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination.*

**If you are a loyalist who is faithful to Jesus Christ, you should LOVE watching false saviors fail and be destroyed, because it clears the way for genuine allegiance to Jesus Christ as the only true solution. So what false saviors are being embarrassingly dethroned in the present chaos?**

- **Academia**

*1 Corinthians 1:19-20 - For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?*

- **Mainstream Medicine**

- **Military Might**

*John 18:36 - Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."*

- **Man-made "rights"**

- **Consumer Churchianity**

*Matthew 5:13 - "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet."*

*Matthew 16:18 - "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."*

**Where is there good news?**

- 1. Christians are becoming uncomfortable enough to question what they've been taught in church, school, news, and media**
- 2. Fear, worry, anxiety, depression, and other miseries are making people open to changing the suicidal way they think and behave.**
- 3. You are free from finding your joy and peace in the America idol of a long comfortable life**

*Mark 8:35-37 - For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.<sup>36</sup> For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?<sup>37</sup> For what can a man give in return for his soul?*

- 4. Achievement of the disciple's goal is attainable despite the chaos of this passing moment**

*Matthew 25:21 - His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'*



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